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SUBJECT: PRESIDENT CARTER'S TRIP

1. BULGARIAN MEDIA GIVING MODERATE COVERAGE TO PRESIDENT'S TRIP. ON DECEMBER 30, PARTY ORGAN "RABOTNICHESKO DELO" (RD) CARRIED P.5 PIECE, HEADED "DIALOGUE ON A WIDE RANGE OF PROBLEMS", FILED FROM WARSAW DEC. 29 BY "OUR SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT" ATANAS ATANASOV. RD SAID CARTER'S VISIT BEING MADE ON US INITIATIVE, AND WHILE TALKS IN WARSAW WILL BE CONCENTRATED ON BILATERAL RELATIONS, THEY WILL UNDOUBTEDLY INCLUDE ISSUES CONNECTED WITH FURTHER IMPLEMENTATION OF PRINCIPLES OF PEACEFUL CO-EXISTENCE AFTER THE HELSINKI CONFERENCE, WITH PROCESS OF POLITICAL DETENTE, AND RELAXATION OF MILITARY TENSIONS. ATANASOV NOTED DEVELOPMENT OF US-POLISH RELATIONS HAS BEEN "POSITIVE" BUT THAT DIFFICULTIES AND UNSOLVED PROBLEMS EXIST, AND THESE WILL DRAW SPECIAL ATTENTION DURING NEGOTIATIONS. HE CONCLUDED BY QUOTING "TRIBUNA LUNDU": "WE WOULD BE CONTENT IF TALKS WITH PRESIDENT OF LARGEST CAPITALIST STATE HELP TO FURTHER STRENGTHEN PROCESS OF DETENTE AND COOPERATION AMONG STATES WITH DIFFERENT SOCIAL-POLITICAL SYSTEM WHICH POLAND, SOVIET UNION, AND OTHER COUNTRIES OF SOCIALIST COMMUNITY STRIVE
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FOR."

2. SAME DAY TRADE UNION ORGAN "TRUD" PUBLISHED SHORT (P.4) "BULGARIAN TELEGRAPH AGENCY" (BTA) PIECE HEADED "CARTER'S BALANCE", AND DATED NEW YORK (DEC. 29). PORTION OF BTA STORY WAS TELECAST DEC. 29 IN BTV'S MAJOR NEWSCAST, AND A FILM CLIP

SHOWED PRESIDENT, MRS. CARTER AND OTHER US OFFICIALS LEAVING FOR POLAND. RADIO CARRYING SHORT NEWS ITEMS. BTA CORRESPONDENT SAID PRESIDENT IN TV INTERVIEW "EXPRESSED FULL SUPPORT TO PLANS OF ISRAELI PRIME MINISTER BEGIN FOR SETTLEMENT OF MIDDLE EAST CRISIS AND CATEGORICALLY OPPOSED, ON BEHALF OF US, REQUIREMENTS THAT AN INDEPENDENT PALESTINE STATE BE CREATED." ALSO THAT PRESIDENT'S TOUR "IS DEDICATED IN THE MAIN TO US EFFORTS TO SECURE WIDER SUPPORT FOR SUCCESSFUL END TO EGYPTIAN-ISRAELI 'PEACEFUL' MOVES AND INITIATIVES." BTA CONCLUDED THAT "PRESIDENT EXPRESSED HOPE THAT DURING NEXT YEAR NEGOTIATIONS WITH SOVIET UNION ON SALT-2 WILL CONCLUDE SUCCESSFULLY, AND THAT HE WAS SATISFIED WITH THE GENERAL DEVELOPMENT OF RELATIONS BETWEEN USSR AND US." GARTHOFF

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